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(b) (1) The following are the diseases mainly investigated:—
- (1) Rinderpest.
- (2) Black-quarter.
- (3) Hæmorrhagic Septicæmia.
- (4) Diseases of sheep and goats.

(2) Some work has also been done on the following diseases:—
- (1) Johne's disease.
- (2) Tuberculosis.
- (3) Anthrax.
- (4) Bovine Lymphangitis.
- (5) Fowl-pox and Pseudo-Fowl Pest.
- (6) Piroplasmosis (Theileria Mutans).
- (7) Piroplasmosis (Babesia Bigeminum).
- (8) Ringworm.
- (9) Nasal Schistosomiasis.

(3) Preliminary investigation has been made on the following:—
- (1) Rabies.
- (2) Chronic Rheumatic Arthritis.
- (3) Poisoning.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" May I know whether the investigation work done by this officer has led to the discovery of any effective method of combating these diseases? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" These are dealt with in the department."

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" Will the Hon. Minister lay on the table copies of the annual report submitted by this officer to Government? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I will consider the suggestion."

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" May I know what special qualifications this officer has for this investigation work? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I cannot say offhand."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether the annual reports are not sent to the members of the Council? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I am not quite sure of it."

Research work done by M.R.C.V.S. Officers of the Veterinary department.

* 709 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether any research work is being done by M.R.C.V.S. Officers of the Veterinary department and by the Provincial Service men working under them and, if so, whether particulars of the work done by them can be laid on the table of the House?

A.—All the officers in the superior ranks are in the Provincial Service except the Director and the Principal. There are a few M.R.C.V.S. officers among the Provincial Officers. But

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these officers are independent of each other. The Provincial Officers are either Lecturers in the College or officers in charge of districts. The lecturers in Pathology and Parasitology at the Madras Veterinary College are provided with facilities for the conduct of research and do such work as offers in the course of their duties. Other Lecturers and District Veterinary Officers also concentrate on problems which arise in the course of their daily work. The particulars of the work done by the several officers are given in the annual Administration Report of the Civil Veterinary Department. The work of Lecturers in the Madras Veterinary College is supervised by the Principal who is a M.R.C.V.S. and that of District Veterinary Officers by the Director of Veterinary Services.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I ask whether the research work done by the lecturers of the college is in regard to diseases or other matters? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" It is in connexion with the work entrusted to them."

Local Self-Government

Date for the meeting of the newly elected members of the South Kanara District Board.

* 710 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the recent elections to the District Board of South Kanara took place; how many members have been elected;

(*b*) whether the Collector of South Kanara has called for a meeting of the elected members of the South Kanara District Board; and

(*c*) if not, when he will call for the meeting and why he has not till now called for a meeting?

A.—(*a*) In November 1935; 43.

(*b*) The Government understand that a meeting of the elected members was called for on the 21st January 1936; and

(*c*) Does not arise.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt :—" May I know under what powers or under what provisions of the Local Boards Act, the Collector called for an ordinary meeting of the district board and not a meeting to elect a president, Sir? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" As ex officio President of the Board he called a meeting."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt :—" May I know whether it is not a fact that the ex officio president can call only a meeting to elect a president and not a meeting to conduct other business only? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" At some meeting the election of the president can also be held."